

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 19 remain pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

In the Office action mailed December 30, 2008, the Examiner has indicated that claims 10, 11 and 15-17 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the matter of claim 10. Claim 10 has been cancelled. Accordingly, no new matter has been entered.

New claim 20 recites the combined subject matter of claims 1 and 15 which was indicated as allowable. Actually, claim 15 depended upon claim 14, so new claim 20 recites the subject matter of claims 1, 14 and 15, and is believed allowable.

In addition, claim 11 has been amended to depend from independent claim 1, as it had previously depended from (now cancelled) claim 10.

Allowance at an early date is respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact in this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 603-668-6560.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them to our deposit account No. 50-2121.

Respectfully submitted,

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